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35 USC Section 103 Rejections:

Claims 29-31, 33-41 and 43-48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yokozeki et al. (USPN 5,981,063) in view of Ghosh (USPN 6,149,927).

Claims 32 and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yokozeki et al. (USPN 5,981,063) in view of Ghosh (USPN 6,149,927) and further in view of Sawan et al. (USPN 5,849,311).

Applicants have cancelled claims 29 – 48. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that these rejections are now moot.

Applicants have added new claims 49 – 59 and assert that no new matter is presented by the addition of these claims. Applicants further submit that new claims 49 – 59 are patentable over the prior art cited by the Examiner. In support of this assertion, Applicants rely on the detailed discussion of the references provided in the Response dated July 7, 2006. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is earnestly requested.

Conclusion:

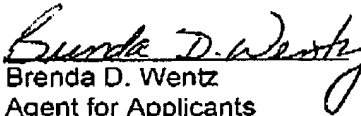
For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 49 – 59 stand in condition for allowance. Should any issues remain after consideration of these Remarks, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned in the hope that any such issue may be promptly and satisfactorily resolved.

In the event that there are additional fees associated with the submission of these papers, authorization is hereby provided to withdraw such fees from Deposit Account No. 04-0500.

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